

MARCH 2, 1830.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported the following bill:

## **A BILL**

For the relief of certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war.

WHEREAS, By several statutes, pecuniary aid is extended to certain of the survivors of those who were engaged in the Land or Naval service of the United States, against the common enemy, in the Revolutionary War, thereby not only expressing the national gratitude to such survivors, but also making to them personally, some further remuneration therefor, to the intent that the remainder of their lives might be passed in greater comfort and accommodation: WHEREAS, ALSO, The whole object of those statutes was personal and peculiar to such survivors, and all such pecuniary aid granted for their own benefit exclusively, provision being made therein, that the same shall not be liable to attachment or levy of execution, at the suit of any of their creditors: AND WHEREAS, Those provisions for the benefit of those survivors of that patriotic army, who, under God, achieved our Independence, may expose them to a loss of liberty, by arrest and imprisonment for debts contracted under no expectation of such aid; and which arrest would not take place, but to wring from their possession, as the price of their personal liberty, what the nation has bestowed upon them as a testimonial of their meritorious service: Therefore,

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       no person who was, during any part of the Revolutionary war,  
4       engaged in either the Land or Naval service of the United  
5       States, and who has already, or may hereafter receive, in con-

6 sideration of such service, pecuniary aid from his country, by  
7 pension or otherwise, in any way other than his pay, subsist-  
8 ence, clothing, and bounty, shall not, at any time hereafter,  
9 be liable to be arrested, holden to bail, or imprisoned, on civil  
10 process, issued under any authority of the United States, for  
11 or on account of any demand, the consideration of which  
12 originated before such aid was granted to such person.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any  
2 person, having been in service and receiving aid, so as aforesaid,  
3 shall have been arrested, holden to bail, or imprisoned for  
4 any demand, such as aforesaid, under process issued from  
5 any authority other than that of the United States, and the  
6 creditor or creditors at whose suit such process shall have is-  
7 sued, shall, while the same is pending, or after final judgment  
8 thereon, receive of such person, in consideration thereof, or  
9 any release therefrom, any sum or sums of money arising  
10 from any such aid granted to him, so as aforesaid, or any  
11 promise to pay therefrom, or any order or draft to receive the  
12 same at any future time, such creditor shall forfeit and pay  
13 twice the amount thereof, one moiety to the use of such per-  
14 son, and the other to whomsoever shall sue for and recover  
15 the same, and such suit and recovery may be had before any  
16 tribunal of competent jurisdiction.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no creditor of  
2 any such person receiving aid, so as aforesaid, shall, by letter

3 of attorney, order, draft, or otherwise, from him, be entitled  
4 to receive any dividend or payment due to such person at any  
5 office or place, where, by law, the same may be payable to him;  
6 and no person whoever, as agent or attorney, shall at any time  
7 receive any such payment, unless he first makes oath that he  
8 hath no interest therein, and that he will pay over the amount  
9 thereof to the person to whom the same was so as aforesaid  
10 granted.